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The Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dean:

Thank you for your letter of August 29, 1964,  
which described the formation of a Congo Task Force  
and requested CIA participation in it. I have named  
[redacted] as  
CIA's representative, and you may be assured of CIA's  
full cooperation and participation in the Congo Task  
Force.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director

DDP/C/AF/[redacted]  
Rewritten: DDCI/MSO [redacted] (10 Sep)

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64-61851

8 September 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Text of Letter for the Secretary of State

REFERENCE: Executive Registry Item #64-6036

1. This memorandum suggests action by the Director of Central Intelligence as specified below.

2. Attached hereto for the signature of the Director of Central Intelligence is a letter for the Secretary of State in reply to his request that CIA nominate a representative for the newly formed Congo Task Force. You will note that [redacted] [redacted] has been nominated.

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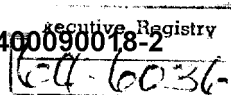
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Acting Deputy Director for Plans

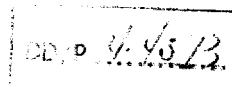
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



August 29, 1964

Dear John:

As set forth in the attached statement, I have decided to establish a small task force to assist in the conduct of relations with the Congo in view of the difficulties confronting us there.

I would be grateful if you would designate a representative to act as a member of the task force to facilitate effective interagency coordination.

Sincerely,

Dean Rusk

Attachment

The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director,  
Central Intelligence  
Agency.

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August 29, 1964

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I have established a small task force in the Bureau of African Affairs to assist in the conduct of United States relations with, planning for, and programs in the Republic of the Congo. Ambassador Joseph Palmer, 2nd, has been designated to head this group.

I am requesting the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator, Agency for International Development, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Director of the United States Information Agency to nominate individuals from their organizations to assist Ambassador Palmer. The officers so nominated will be expected to give priority to their obligation as members of the task force and as agents for the execution of approved decisions. Mr. William H. Brubeck has been designated by the White House to serve as its representative on the group.

Ambassador Palmer will be asking other bureaus and offices within the Department for necessary personnel and material assistance, and I will expect his requests to be met whenever possible.

It is my hope and expectation that the establishment of this committee will facilitate the successful conduct of United States relations with the Congo in meeting the problems now confronting us and in planning for the future.

  
Dean Rusk

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2	Exec Director		1 Sept	LORC	
3	DD/P			✓	
4	C/AF			✓	
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6	DDP/Reg - (Ref)				
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